

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-35 (CANCELLED)

36. (ORIGINAL) A method of facilitating lottery ticket transactions, comprising:
receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket for a pari-mutuel lottery game; and
determining a price associated with the lottery ticket based on an expected value of the lottery ticket to a player.
37. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, further comprising:
receiving an indication that the player is to receive a total winning amount even if both the lottery ticket and another lottery ticket win a lottery drawing.
38. (ORIGINAL) The method claim 36, wherein said determining is based on a current winning amount.
39. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, further comprising:
receiving an indication that the player is to receive a current total winning amount even if the total winning amount is subsequently adjusted.
40. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein the price is independent of a cost of the lottery ticket to a lottery game provider.
41. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining is based on a current popularity of a lottery number combination.
42. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining is based on a past popularity of a lottery number combination.
43. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining the price comprises
determining a minimum price that subsequent players will be required to provide in exchange for participating in the pari-mutuel lottery game.

44. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 36, wherein said determining the price comprises determining a minimum price that subsequent players will be required to provide in exchange for another lottery ticket having at least that expected value.

Claims 45-55 (CANCELLED)